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		First Named Inventor	Bernard Herman Van Bilderbeek
		Art Unit	3672
		Examiner Name	Unknown
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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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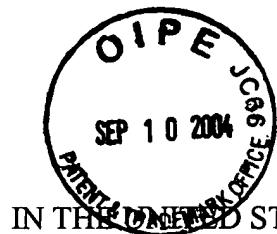
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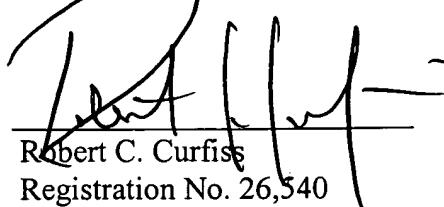
Sir:

In response to the Notice mailed May 5, 2004 to file missing parts of the above-identified application, enclosed are the following as required by the notice:

- (1) Request for Two-Month Extension of Time;
- (2) an executed Declaration; and
- (3) a check in the amount of \$120 (to cover the late oath or declaration surcharge and extension fee).

In addition, a Transmittal Form, Fee Transmittal and Part 2 of the Notice to File Missing Parts are also enclosed herewith.

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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*Filing Date Granted***Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:**

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

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